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**System and Method for Efficient Management  
of Fibre Channel Communication**

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for managing a Fibre Channel  
5 adapter is disclosed. When a close request is received by  
the Fibre Channel adapter, the adapter is set to a quasi-  
open state. In a quasi-open state, the adapter keeps the  
link to the Fibre Channel network open, releases extended  
resources, and maintains minimal resources in order to keep  
10 the link open. When a request is received by the adapter  
while in a quasi-open state, the request is rejected  
thereby preventing other devices from logging into the  
quasi-opened device and informing other devices that the  
quasi-opened device is not currently communicating across  
15 the Fibre Channel network. An information handling system  
and a computer program product for implementing the Fibre  
Channel adapter quasi-open state are further disclosed.